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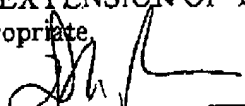
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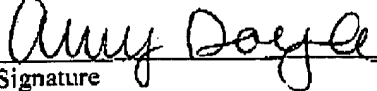
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Dear Sir:

Applicants elect Group I, product claims 1-11, in response to the Restriction Requirement of November 14, 2008. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement to the extent of requesting that the method claims be retained for possible reinstatement if the corresponding product claims are deemed allowable.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3478.

Respectfully submitted,

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